

DIXIE THEATRE...

THURSDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Blanche Sweet IN "THE SECRET SIN"	"The Man From Home" Chas. Richman	Blanche Ring IN "The Yankee Girl"

Local and Personal

Happenings of Interest

Lent begins March 8th. Easter falls on April 23rd.

Fresh garden seeds, all kinds, at A. S. Burnham's. 52 (adv.)

There has been no rain here for several weeks, but the truck crops are flourishing, nevertheless.

A full line of staple and fancy groceries, fresh and reliable, at A. P. Hatch's. tf. (adv.)

W. R. Collins of Arcadia, was here Monday visiting his daughter, Mrs. M. W. Sturdy.

High grade candies, a fine assortment at A. P. Hatch's Corner Grocery. tf. (adv.)

What this town needs is a chair doctor—one who can successfully treat crippled chairs.

Miss Ethel Nunn of Perry, Ga., arrived last week and is visiting Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Sistrunk, the former of whom is her uncle.

Fresh fruits of all kinds in their seasons; a nice line of candies, confections and fancy groceries at R. M. King's. tf. (adv.)

J. B. Steele and M. S. McCullough of Pennsboro, W. Va., are spending a few weeks here. The latter is a cousin of Mrs. U. S. Whiteaker.

Mrs. C. Collins of Evinston, arrived here Monday morning to visit her brother, J. N. Sikes. She was accompanied by her daughter, Dora.

Steamship "City of Philadelphia" leaves Fort Myers for Key West every Monday 5:30 a. m. Fare to Key West \$6.50, meals and berth included. (adv.) 5tf.

Gov. Gilchrist went to Bushnell, Monday, to promote his candidacy with Sumter county voters. From Bushnell, he will go to Jacksonville to be present at the meeting of the state committee today.

Miss Ingram's class, which comprises the children of the eighth grade of the high school, had a delightful picnic on Alligator creek, Saturday. They were chaperoned by Mesdames Baldwin, McCullough, Carver and C. Robinson.

Between fifty and sixty people of all ages, sizes and sexes enjoyed an excursion to Boca Grande, Saturday. The excursion, which was under the auspices of the Junior Civic League, went on the yacht Wallace.

Hon. Geo. W. Whitehurst of Wauchula, candidate for county judge, spent Monday and Tuesday here mingling with the voters, who seem to have taken a fancy to him. At any rate, Punta Gorda will give him a good vote.

Mesdames C. M. Lunn and Annie Sturges, mother and sister respectively of Mrs. Geo. J. Alderman, whose guests they had been

C. M. Carrier returned last week from a business trip to Havana and other points in Cuba.

Attend the big Dixie highway meeting in Dixie Theatre tomorrow night. No charge for admission.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Fansler and children went to Jacksonville Tuesday, to spend a few days.

Tuesday being Washington's birth-day, the post office and the banks were closed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Knight, Thursday, 17th inst., a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Page have returned from a pleasant visit to the latter's parents at St. Cloud.

Mrs. J. N. Sikes returned Sunday night from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Skipper, at Avon Park.

Mrs. Jno. R. Hurton returned Saturday night from a very pleasant visit of a fortnight to relatives and friends in Tampa.

C. A. Carver, the jeweler, left Monday evening on a week's trip, which includes visits to High Springs, Lake Butler and Jacksonville.

Mrs. Chas. Hutchinson, after a pleasant visit of a month to her father, Dr. J. H. Albert, pastor of the Presbyterian church, started, Tuesday morning, on her return to her home in Faribault, Minn.

Guy Wilson, formerly agricultural instructor in the Punta Gorda High School, now engaged with the state in the fight being made on citrus canker, came up from Fort Myers and spent Sunday afternoon mingling with his many friends.



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for a few days, returned to their homes near Fort Meade, last Saturday. They were accompanied by Mr. Alderman, who returned Sunday morning.

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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rasch announce the engagement of their daughter, Rubie Emilia, to Mr. John Herbert Flint, the marriage to take place on Tuesday afternoon, March 7th, 1916, at the First Methodist Church, Punta Gorda, at 2:30 o'clock. Every body cordially invited.

THROUGH ROAD TO FORT MYERS IS ABOUT READY

The Grading will Soon be Completed — Hard Surfacing to be Provided for

A. B. Tucker, who is officially and actively identified with the road construction work in this district, advises that the Dixie Highway through this city will soon be open to Fort Myers. Over half of the route through Desoto county has been graded and is in shape for traffic and the rest will be completed in about three weeks.

The commissioners of Lee county assured Mr. Tucker a few days ago, that they will have twenty-three state convicts at work in Lee county by the 25th of this

month. This will complete the road from Punta Gorda to Fort Myers.

With the prospect of the Harbor special district voters for bonds for a bridge across the bay and the hard-surfacing of the road to the Lee county line, this section will boast of as good hard roads as can be found in the state.

This road can almost all be traveled over now, and there are being placed along it signs to guide travelers so that any one wishing to make the trip to Fort Myers, through the country will have no difficulty in finding the way.

STATE PRESS COMMENT

St. Petersburg Times:—Will Knott seems to have made a lucky hit with his libel plank that the other gubernatorial candidates missed. That is, a hit with the newspapers, but will it help him with anyone else? Who in Florida really wants a free press, anyhow?—Ocala Star:—A bunch of candidates will soon want a free press, if the newspapers will

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An academic discussion is the kind that is carried on over the free lunch counter regarding the constitutionality of the income tax law.

Judging from the manner of its subsidence, that general uprising in China was for the express purpose of giving Emp. Yuan the salute.

"Bit on de Luxe Books." The idea of a man doing that when there's strawberry short cake.

"To Tell How to Judge Man." As a general rule they are condemned without judging.

Does she always tell you to get a roast big enough to have some left over for hash on Monday?

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stand together as they should.

Manatee Record:—According to the Punta Gorda Herald, it is the only newspaper supporting Gilchrist's candidacy for the United States senate. If the ex-governor should be elected, what an immense amount of credit the erudite editor of that paper can claim.

Auburndale News:—Help! Constable, summon the sheriff! Walter Johnson hit us in the face with a column editorial on "Mesozoic and Cenozoic Echinoderms." Now what's them things? Moved that Johnson be haled before Colonel Jordan and Mr. Thorndyke, the state's six-cylinder word experts, for trial and sentence. Deserves lynching, tho.

Auburndale News:—The Punta Gorda Herald has discovered that it is the only paper supporting Gilchrist for the senate. Well, it should be remembered that Gilchrist is supporting himself a whole lot. We do not mind stating that we prefer Gilchrist as second choice. He may be short on dignity of the owl kind, but he is long on sense of the horse variety. And what use it there of more dignity in the Senate, which already has about fifty 22-caliber peewees, exuding enough stupid, owlish dignity for any ten legislative bodies?

Lakeland Telegram:—They say

that the unjust restrictions now imposed upon the Florida press in publishing legitimate matter of general interest can't be changed by the legislature because the restrictions are incorporated into the constitution itself. That is the best reason we have heard advanced for a constitutional convention to prepare a new organic law to be submitted to the people. The press of Florida is the Fourth Estate and whatever impairs its usefulness by restricting its legitimate activities injures the whole State, and the cost of a constitutional convention is paltry as compared to the advantage of a free press not intimidated by unjust libel laws.

Bushnell Times:—Candidate W. V. Knott has announced a sane and sensible platform for governor, and his past record shows him able to stand solid on such platform, too.



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